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In Re the Application of:

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DIKETOPIPERAZINES"

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION  
REQUIREMENT

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BY: 

Dear Sir:

In response to the species election date December 23, 2003, Applicants provide the following response. For examination purposes, Applicants hereby elect the compound wherein R1 is -CH<sub>2</sub>COR<sub>3</sub>, R2 is the side chain of alanine, and R3 is OH.

With regard to the Examiner's species election requirement, Applicants note that such a requirement is primarily, if not solely, intended to facilitate a search by the Examiner. Applicants note that the Examiner is obligated to examine the generic claims and submit that the scope of the claims of the present invention is not limited to the elected species.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with this Response. In the event that fees are due, please debit Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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